

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to more clearly define the invention as disclosed in the written description. In particular, claim 1 has been amended to clearly denote the steps in the method. In addition, claim 5 has been made a proper singularly dependent claim, now depending from claim 1.

The Examiner requires restriction to one of the following groups:

Group I, claims 1 & 5;

Group II, claims 2 & 5;

Group III, claims 3 & 5; and

Group IV, claims 4 & 5.

Applicants hereby restrict to the invention of Group 1, claims 1 and 5. As such, the status indicators for claims 2-4 have been changed to "Withdrawn".

Applicants therefore respectfully request substantive examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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